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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants wish to bring the references, listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith, to the attention of the Examiner. NAIR U.S.P. 6,318,965 was brought to the attention of Applicants by a letter dated MAY 6, 2002 from the owner of the patent, and the other 4 references came to Applicants' attention because they were cited on the front page of U.S.P. 6,318,965. The documents are in English, so their relevance will be readily apparent. Therefore, this submission complies with MPEP § 609.

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disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office and, to the knowledge of the person signing this certification after making reasonable inquiry, **no item** of information contained in the information disclosure statement **was known** to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) **more than 3 months prior** to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

REMARKS

Please note that the NAIR patent has a US filing date of APR. 1999, which is many months **after** the German priority date of 13 JUNE 1998 (DE 198 26 458.5) of the present application, but **before** the 10 JUNE 1999 PCT filing date. The ALFANO patent, though recently issued, has an effective date of APR. 1998. The ALEXANDER+/DELL case was not filed until JAN. 2000, **6 months after** the JULY 1999 PCT filing date of the present application.

No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to **return an initialled copy** of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

No fee is believed necessary in connection with this submission; if any fee is needed; it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

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